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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : FAZAN, Pierre C., et al  
Serial No. : 09/386,646  
Filed : August 31, 1999  
Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRENCH ISOLATION PROCESS WITH PAD GATE AND TRENCH EDGE SPACER ELIMINATION

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Examiner : Hung K. Vu

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants herewith petition the Assistant Commissioner of Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a 2-month extension of time for filing the response to the Examiner's Action dated December 9, 1999, from May 9, 2000. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$380.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 05-1266. This petition is being submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,  
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